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Provide for Superannuation Allowances to Medical Officers of
poor law unions, and of dispensary districts of such unions,
in Ireland.

A.D. 1869.

WHEREAS it is expedient that provision should be made to enable superannuation allowances to be granted to medical officers of poor law unions in Ireland, and of dispensary districts of such unions, who become disabled, either by infirmity or age, to discharge the duties of their offices: Be it therefore enacted by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. That the board of guardians of any union in Ireland may, at their discretion, with the consent of the commissioners for administering the laws for relief of the poor in Ireland, grant to any medical officer or medical officers of such union, or of any dispensary district in such union, who shall have been appointed as such officer or officers, and who shall, at any time after his or their appointment, become incapable of discharging the duties of his or their office with efficiency by reason of infirmity of mind or body or of old age, upon his or their resigning or otherwise ceasing to hold his or their office or offices, such annual allowance for his or their life or lives, not exceeding in any case *two thirds* of the income derived by such officer or officers from his said office, as to the said board of guardians shall seem fit, and shall charge such officer or officers' allowance to the same account as that to which such salary or salaries would have been charged if continued in his or their office or offices.

Power to grant, with consent of poor law commissioners, to grant superannuation allowance to medical officers in certain cases.

2. In estimating such income it shall be lawful to compute, not only the salary payable to any such medical officer at the time of his resigning or otherwise ceasing to hold his office, but also all such fees derivable by such officer from his said office under the authority of any Act of Parliament, or which shall have been sanctioned by the said commissioners; the annual amount of such fees to be ascertained by the average amount thereof for the *three*

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years next proceeding the time of such resignation or ceasing to hold the said office: Provided that if any such medical officer shall not have held his office for the period of *three years*, then the annual amount of such fees shall be ascertained by the average of the fees derived by such officer and the next preceding officer or officers for the period of *three years* prior to the time of such resignation or ceasing to hold the said office. 5

Such allowance not to be assignable, &c.

3. Such allowance shall be payable to or in trust for such officer only, and shall not be assignable or chargeable with his debts or other liabilities. 19

Notice of grant to be given to guardians.

4. No grant shall be made without *one month's* previous notice, to be specially given in writing to every guardian of the union, of the proposal to make such grant, and the time when it shall be brought forward.

Making of the grant not compulsory.

5. Nothing herein contained shall make it compulsory upon the board of guardians of any union to grant any such allowance to any such medical officer. 15

No grant to be effectual or commence until sanctioned by commissioners.

6. No such grant made as aforesaid shall be effectual or commence to be payable to such officer unless and until the same shall have been sanctioned by the said commissioners, and shall be effectual for such amount only as the said commissioners shall approve. 20

The words "medical officer" shall include surgical officer.

7. In the construction of this Act the words "medical officer" shall include surgical officer.

Not to affect the right of medical officer under any other Act or Acts.

8. Nothing herein contained shall affect the right of any medical officer who may be entitled to any superannuation allowance under any other Act or Acts. 25

Interpretation of words herein used.

9. The words herein used shall be interpreted in the manner prescribed by the Acts in force for the relief of the destitute poor in Ireland. 30

Short title.

10. This Act shall be called "The Medical Officers Superannuation Act (Ireland), 1869."

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